



HELLO, this is Lady Penelope! Thank you all very much indeed for the letters you posted to me last week. I'm so glad you like LADY PENELOPE, and I really am enjoying reading the interesting

in LADY PENELOPE at the same time. If you'd like a reply by post

from me, please enclose a ready stamped, self addressed envelope.



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some great boots out of my wellies. I have had this pair of wellingtons for nearly a year, and I hated them. So I cut out squares along the top and now they look just like the boots you wear. Pauline Mansfield,

Hope you checked with your first, before snipping bits out!

I am sick and tired of having pop mu



There is good and bad in everything, Judith. Many people manage to enjoy the best of both worlds without going bala (or hairy) about it!

I often think that my teacher sees more of me than my parents. My dad has gone to work when I get up and I see my mum for half an hour before setting off to school. I am at school for seven, long, miserable hours. In the evening I

The part have to say.

I have chosen some letters to print here on the post page, and of course, there's a prize of ten shillings to every reader whose letter appears. If you'd like to try and win some extra pocket money, why not write to me at the address below? Don't forget to give you full mane and address, and please list your is known to relature some of reatures.

get about three and a half hours before bedtime, and most of that is spent doing homework. It all seems a bit

Please don't hesitate to write to me about your own opinions on school and

What an insult! I am twelve years old. I can iron my own clothes, cook my tea, answer the phone properly, and type with four fingers. Yet last Friday I came home to find that my parents

were going out and had got me a baby

Never mind. "baby" sitter is only an rever mind. "Easy" stree is only an expression, Angela. At least your parents think about you before they go out, and I dare say the house would have been a bit eerie and creepy if you'd been all on

Ruth Pays

When I grow up I'm going to open a shop just for girls of eight to ten, and

no grown ups will be allowed in, except me. There will be dresses and shoes and in the back I will have a hairdressing shop. Whenever I go to have my hair done, they always cut if the way Mum says. As for clothes, Mum gets me old fashioned, gear that's too long because she says III soon grow.

Ah—but who's going to pay for the clothes and hair-dos in your shop, if ng grown-ups are allowed in?

I have collected 62 foreign dolls dressed in national costumes. My favourite is a Spanish dancer which my aunt brought back from Barcelona. Have any other readers as many dolls, or do I hold the record? I have been collecting for four



Here is a poem of what actually happened to me.

I broke the handle of the bro I threw my clothes around the roa I smashed my piggy bank on the ground, And then upon the floor I found. The shilling that I thought I'd lost, And now I've found it's going to cost. Fifteen bob to mend the broom, Half an hour to clear my room.

A piggy bank will cost a pound, Thirty five times the shilling I found. So now I know I must avoid, Breaking things when I'm annoyed. Julie Wepping Manchester

Have any other readers amusing poems like Julie's which I might be able to want?

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NEXT WEEK: "We've a long way to walk . . ."



Lady Penelope speaking! In the vaults neath my mansion are stored ssiers of all the cases in which I have been involved. This week we continue with File 7624 - the story of Sandy

What started out as an ordinary Saturday morning for Sandy has turned into a nightmare. Witness to the theft of a fantastic diamond and a murder. she has been taken along by the two mysterious culprits in their escape aircraft. Now the plane crashes out of control over the Pyrences mountains ...

SANDY lay very still. There was no sound save the gentle ticking of hot metal. Very cautionsly. she opened her eyes, to see clear blue above, and in the same moment, she knew she was acutely uncomfortable.

She was lying in a patch of gorse-bush, flung from the twisted wreck of the aircraft that hung behind her in the splintered branches of a tall nine. The jolt had snapped the rope around her wrists, and she realised they were hurting.

Her dress was torn, and her shoes were a dozen vards apart on the bare, lonely mountainside . . .

but miraculously, she was alive, and in one piece. It all came flooding back to her . . . the man she'd seen struck down and killed outside the jeweller's near her home, the incredible, smooth-voiced man called Numeral 1, hooded, whose face she had never seen, bundling her into the car . . . and his friend. Nicholas, driving like a madman to the deserted airfield in the country.

deserted airfield in the country.

Sandy stood up very shakily, and gazed at the tree-hung wreckage. She could see the forepart of the fuselage, and Nicholas, sprawled sideways, still in the pilot's seat. Now something at the foot of the tree caught her eye, and there was the orange-sized washleather bag with its millionpound massive diamond inside!

GINGERLY, she stooped down and felt the weight of it. A fortune, held in her palm . and yet, on this barren, lonely mountain, what did it mean to the two curiously well-spoken men in their neat, uniform-like clothes? Who were they, these men who were so obviously much more than mere jewel-thieves?

A sound from the other side of the gorse patch brought her back to reality, and hastily, she tucked the drawstrings of the washleather has into her belt. Then she stepped cautiously towards the

unds . . . She found herself staring at a spreadeagled body, the tight black hood with its painted figure still in place, the legs stirring restlessly with the first return of consciousness

The man called Numeral 1 let out another group The man called Numeral I let out another groan and began to turn over, and suddenly, Sandy knew she had to get away. The moment before the plane had plunged out of control, it was Numeral I who had been going to throw her out, who'd been willing to take another life to silence the only witness against him. "There's too much at stake to let her tell anything she knows now, Nicholas, he had said to the pilot.

Her heart hammering, Sandy made sure that the dismond bag was secure at her waist, and fled



"And I shall make sure this time, that a certain young lady is silenced. For ever. After all, Nicholas," he turned towards his insensible companion, "our backers have set their hearts on the diamond, and we can't really disappoint them.

THERE was a valley below him, beyond the sudden tree-line of thick woods. And there must have been a road, for distantly, Numeral 1 heard the sound of a siren, the rising and falling of

an ambulance alarm. "Ah! Someone's spotted the crash," he muttered.
"They'll find you, Nicholas . . . and that means I
have to come to grips with the girl even faster. After all, she knows your face, knows what's happened. We can't have her damaging our

organisation's plans!" Lurching with the pain of a dozen cuts and bruises, Numeral 1 dropped from the tree and began to scramble down towards the forests . . .

SANDY had made slow progress through the dense ranks of trees. Roots insisted on tripping her, brambles would keep tearing at her clothes. Wearily, she sank down against a fallen trunk and tried to collect her breath.

She too had heard the ambulance siren, far off . . . but in the maze of trees and trackless undergrowth, it had been impossible to pin-point its exact

direction "This is like a wilderness," she said aloud. "Not a living soul, not a house, not a clearing . . . not even a path to lead anywhere. I don't even know which country I'm in!'

She rested her forehead against her clenched hands and tried desperately to think. "The Pyrenees . . . France, or Spain. Will they speak one or the other here? Maybe they use a dialect . . . Oh, gosh, I can't even remember the simplest

French!" And then, suddenly, a faint sound came to Sandy's ears. The unmistakable noise of something someone . . . in the forest above her. Tensely,

she listened. The noise stopped. 'Never mind the hide and seek! I can follow

your tracks! Give up now!"

The voice of Numeral 1, faint and distant though it was, fell like a thunderclap on Sandy's

"Come on-you can't win! All I want's the diamond! I'll turn you loose!" Sandy could hardly move, and sweat had broken

out fiercely on the palms of her hands. But som how, she stumbled off again! She felt like an animal, pursued by a terror she could hardly name . . . tracked by a hunter who could catch her unawares, at any time . . . because she had never seen his

But what was that ahead? A clearing . . . ves, a clearing! And across it, unmistakably bare through the grass, a path! At last a road to possible freedom . . . at least a route on which her tracks could pass unseen! Sandy ran down it, her breath rasping.

Now a fork in the path, and Sandy blessed it.

How would Numeral 1 know which direction she had taken? She chose left, unthinking, and staggered on . . . and at last, the trees thinned out There, a fence . . . and farmland! A toughly-ploughed field, dipping down as far as her eyes could see. Sandy clambered through the fence and went on. "There must be a farmhouse somewhere! There

must be!" Sandy knew she was crying aloud. But there was none, and the field petered out

over the dip, to plunge into more forest. Gasping, Sandy kept to the fence, and turned left along the edge of the trees. She glanced up at the sky . and it was visibly darkening. Her watch was broken-jarred by the plane crash-but she knew it must be close to nightfall.

Again, she had to stop and rest . . . and this time, she knew she was tired. Desperately tired. Like a massive blind, darkness was being drawn across from the east. Sandy thought, idly, that she must be facing south, and towards Spain-if indeed she wasn't already in that country. And it was cold. The sudden chill that came with dusk made her shiver.

There had been a rough stack of hay at the far end of the field. It had been distinct before, but now it was just a silhouette. Sandy picked herself up and made for it, her instinct telling her that here, at least, was a bed for the night.

With leaden eyes, she burrowed out a nest in the foot of the stack, and snuggled into it . . . and in moments, nobody would have known that she was there, a glittering fortune clutched in her hands . one of the largest diamonds in the world, and a young girl, fast asleep.

A HIGH, strong sun woke her, and for a second, the rich, warm smell of hay brought a waking smile to her face. But oh, how quickly she remembered the evening before, and oh, how cautiously she stole a look from her hideaway

There was nothing to be seen. The field was empty . . . the forest beyond silent. Sandy noticed, away on the edge of the trees, a family of rabbits playing carelessly among the ploughed furrows. There could be no danger of any kind that way. Then, her heart gave a sudden leap . . . for

below the dip in the ground, there was a stonebuilt cottage . . . the farmhouse sanctuary she

might easily have made the night before! Thank goodness! I'm safe at last!" Sandy couldn't help speaking the words aloud, and

hurried forward towards the back of the building. She heard voices, even as she approached the wooden lean-to shed behind the cottage, and instinctively, she knew that the hard, dialect was French. It made her smile, and think of the man who taught French at her school, Monsieur Delande. She wasn't much good at the grammar, but when he started gabbling away at dictation, she could get the gist of it.

"Une fillette?" she heard the farmer say, "Non. eur. Jamais vu." And the words wiped the smile from her face faster than a slap. "A young girl? No, sir. Haven't seen one."

And then Sandy heard the halting, clumsy French of another man saying: "It doesn't matter. Thanks anyway." It was the unmistakable voice of her hunter, the man called Numeral 1! TO BE CONTINUED





of biscuits and nuts a term ("though you can get quite a lot for that!"). The girls must

This little Nigerian child, in tribal costume, adds to the colourful scene at a Nigerian festival.



uage of Yuroba

supply their own mosquito nets, are allowed very little pocket money, and have all their letters to and from the school read by the headmistress. In the evenings the girls do their homework until it is time to go to bed.

TELEVISION

The Akorele house in Ibaden is very big, with large windows and white paintwork. There are long learns with tropical shrubs growing along the side of the best of the part of and sports programmes and very interesting

Femi had a strange idea of England. "I used to think that everyone lived in a house like Lady Penelope's, and that everyone wore thick woolly sweaters all the year round. Oh, yes! And that they never stopped eating cakes and sweets and drinking cups of tea to keep meelves warm!

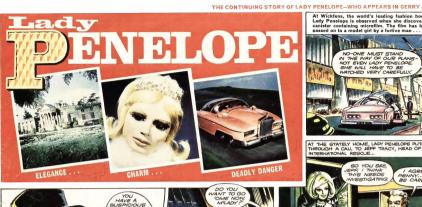
FROM ROCKIN' CHAIRS TO MILLIONAIRES... THAT'S THE CLAMPETTS!



































EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE DEAR ME. PARKER ... THIS DAWN AWAKENING COULD GET A





LADY PENELOPE INVESTIGATES

BRUTHERS



AT 16.25 hours, there was a gentle knock on the door of my Editorial office. Four identical eyes peeped round the door. "Lady Penelope?" said two identical mouths. "I'm Paul," said the dark-haired, dark-eyed Ryan Brother, "And I'm Barry," said the other dark-haired, dark-eyed Ryan I explained that I might have a little difficulty in trying to identify them with the right names. They were most reassuring. "Well, we've been twins all our lives and we still get mixed up, don't we, Barry . . . er, Paul, I mean?" said Barry.

I noticed their ties—black lace over gold satin. "Glad you like 'em. We design all our clothes ourselves, and then we have a tailor make them up for us," said Barry—I think. "You'd be surprised how our style of dress is catching on, there's even a Barry and Paul haircut. I think everyone, including us, is

The two brothers arrived in London from Leeds over twelve getting sick of the usual sloppy look."

"Leeds is great," said Paul apologetically, "but we wanted to get into show business so we had to come down to London

Both of them have soft Yorkshire accents, both went to the same school, then the same art college. They are practically the really, didn't we?" same height, share the same flat, have the same gentle

"Do you ever tire of being twins?" I asked. "Not really - we have very few differences," said Barry. confidence.

"He talks too much," whispered Paul aggressively in my ear.

It's funny y'know, Barry, but I can't help feeling I'm being watched . . .

I wondered whether having a famous mother singer had helped or hindered them in their career.

"She did everything she could to stop us from making a record or going into show business," Paul explained. "It is such a very precarious way of making a living. But now we've had such success with our first record, Don't Bring Me Your Heartaches, she knows we're happy and she isn't as worried."

"Then there's the question of 'yar—it's only 'cos your mother's famous . . . 'which isn't really fair. The audiences we sing to just

"He talks too much," whispered Barry aggressively in my ear. The Ryan Brothers' new record is on release, Have Pity on The Boy. They have just returned from a quick tour of Israel, and a visit

"Off to America," said Barry, "to appear on the Ed Sullivan show and do a tour over there."

"There may be other things as well while we are in Americabut I'm afraid it's Top Secret," said Paul sinisterly.

At 17, the Ryan Brothers are already established. They are young, modern, successful. They take the days as they come. They don't worry that their popularity will fade, that they will become has-beens. They are happy and courteous—they enjoy their work, remain unimpressed about 'fame and glory'.

-SAYS LADY PENELOPE



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LADY Penclope here! Time for another meeting of the FAB CLUB—Federal Agents Bureau to any newcomers who didn't know! FAB's aims are to keep LADY PENELOPE readers bang up to date with all the news about anything and everything! From fashion to Frankenstein! Any ideas? Then drop me a line. Send in your photo, too, and I'll try to include it on this page.

Penelope C-W.



FIONA the **AUTHORESS**

FIONA SAINT is an authoress-at seven! Her first book is to be published this spring in half a dozen countries, including Britain, America and Switzerland.

It all started when Fiona won a prize in a children's essay competition organised by a national newspaper. For her story about an ink factory in Islington she won premium bonds and a silver quill as a trophy.

Then a publisher read the essay and decided it would be perfect for a children's picture story book. And that's how fair-haired Fiona became an

beauty corner

IT'S the best beauty treatment in the world—a luxurious bath! Nothing works more to relieve

tensions, relax muscles and make your skin glow-gets you clean,

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While the bath water is running, add some sweet smelling bath salts. There are plenty to choose from,

at all prices, but Dubarry Autumn

Fern are inexpensive and smell

BATHTIME

BEAUTY



ELEGANGE nails aren't for nibbling hope you don't bite yours!

CHARM ... it's bad manners to comb your hair in public!

DEADLY DANGER make sure matches are well out of reach of small children!

marge

While out on a fine summer's

it's a shame about Margo Wearing shoes like a barge, When she goes out, it's norhors away!"

Our Marge heard somebody

lovely. Avoid having the water too hot this is very drying to the skin. If your skin is dry, add a little bath oil to the water. Outdoor Girl Silk Skin will belp to smooth out the driest skin.

start work!

when you've relaxed for a while, get down to serious business. Wash thoroughly in a good soap, then gently rub away hard skin on heels with a pumice stone. Using a backbrush that has firm but not harsh bristles, gently lather your back to get the circulation going. Backs of arms, elbows, knees and any other rough or goosepimply areas need the same treatment.

Goosepimples are usually caused by poor circulation, but regular massaging with a soapy brush will help to get your circulation working

help to get your circulation working properly again.

Rinse, then towel yourself dry.
Put on talcum powder—try to match it with your bath saits and soap. Girls with dry skin may want to rub moisture or body cream into arms and legs. But an inexpensive hand cream, such as Nulon, does the job ideally, too. Finally, don't catch cold! Hop straight into bed, and pleasant dreams

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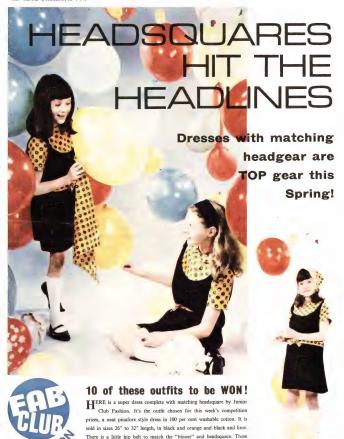
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